TWO CENTS.

Weather.

Rain tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight and colder Saturday afternoon or night.

No. 17,658.

DECLINES TO RETRACT WATER GAS DEFENDED

Message From C. P. Taft.

PUTS ONUS ON OBALDIA LOVE BEFORE COMMITTEE

Charge Objected To.

CARES TO ADD NOTHING TO IT CITES SEVERAL ADVANTAGES

Interest in Any Concession

Rainey to retract his statements regard- ply of the District of Columbia. ing Mr. Taft, which he made in his speech

Tuesday telegram to Mr. Rainey: "Havana, January 27, 1909.

"Representative Rainey, House of Representatives, Washington.

had any business association of any kind mination. or description, past, present or prospective, with William Nelson Cromwell, nor pany of New York had taken up the new any interest of any kind or with anybody, present, past or prospective, on the Isthmus of Panama, and I confidently rely on your loyalty to the truth to re- was making 550,000,000 cubic feet of the tract what you said about me in the same high place where you made yourself responsible for those misstatements. "CHARLES P. TAFT."

Doesn't Contradict Taft. After the reading of the cablegram

Mr. Rainey said: "I have not the slightest desire to controvert in any way the statement of Mr. Charles P. Taft, which has just been technical details. He said water gas had read. On the contrary, I congratulate him upon his absolute and complete rebecome necessary for me to retract any- was about the best that could be had. thing I said in my speech. I do not desire to add anything to what I said nor to change it in any way. In order that what I said about Mr. Charles P. Taft may appear here in the Congressional Record, in connection with his telegram, desire now to read from my speech of January 26, and I read now from the first column on page 1470 of the Con-gressional Record for this session." Mr. Rainey then read from the Record

the extract referred to. It asserted that President Obaldia of Panama told some members of the general assembly that C. P. Taft was one of the men behind a certain scheme. He continued: The country will be glad to know that Mr. Taft's name is being used there with-

out his consent. I desire to say in this connection that Mr. Taft could render a great service, and his denial will be of greater value, if he should without delay address a telegram to the general assemwith the scheme I have described and repudiating Mr. Cromwell on the Isthmus of Panama with as much enthusiasm as ne has in his telegram to me repudiated gas in cooking ranges attended by just all connection with that gentleman.

Newspaper Clippings Read.

Mr. Rainey also had read a letter printed in newspapers from Randolph G. Ward of New York relieving Mr. Cromis the prince of humorists. But his im- comprehensive. munity to Mr. Cromwell does not do that gentleman any good."

Mr. Rainey also had the clerk read a report of an interview with the secre- upon disproportionately to the use of coal tary of W. S. Harvey of New York, mentioned in connection with the railroad and timber grants in Panama.

things I do not say," said Mr. Rainey He read newspaper clippings to support his statement on the floor made early in

Denial by Cromwell.

When Mr. Rainey had finished the reading of the newspaper articles which he sent to the desk Representative Loverthe gentleman from Illinois has regaled in London, saying that water gas could the House" read the following letter from be used with safety and that he was sor-William Nelson Cromwell, specifically and ry that he could not use that illuminating Threshing Out Affairs of the generally denying any connection on that product in his London home instead of gentleman's part, directly or indirectly, furnished. with any concessions in the republic of

Panama "Although the affairs of the Panama government are not properly a subject of I wish to waive all technicality and say at once that I never have had and have or indirect, present or prospective, in any | son water-gas was not used as an illumibusiness affair in any part of the republic of Panama, save only a mall stock interest in the local electric light company of Panama City, which I joined years ago, at the request of Panama citizens, to encourage a local industry, the conditions of which investment were fully

After Mr. Lovering had read the letter he remarked that Mr. Rainey had ashamed to say," added Dr. Love, with been "crammed full of information from a smile. a certain source.'

Mr. Rainey jumped to his feet and demanded that Mr. Lovering name the source, and after some hesitation Mr.

Lovering replied, "the New York World." Not Coached by Newspapers.

minutes from Representative Hay of power, but insisted that it would be Northland's knee in a private room of a Virginia, in charge of the army bill smoky under such conditions. With the restaurant. Witness induced Mrs. Stirling and denied that he had secured any informalion from the New York World. "I desire to say," said he, "In the most at all. emphatic manner, "that neither the New York World nor any other newspaper has the fact that of my some years ago opposed the repeal furnished me with any information what- of the carbon monoxide limiting law ever on this subject, nor did I receive from thirty-one were now using a water gas any newspapers the documents I printed containing a high percentage of that in the Record, nor did any newspaper as- product. sist me in securing them. Whatever evidence the New York World may have has not been revealed to me. I cannot make this too strong.'

the attention of the House to the resolutowns which were represented by memtion introduced by Mr. Rainey looking to towns which were represented by memtowns w deal, and had said that he would do He had found that out of the nineteen has telegraphed the minister of the ineverything in his power to have such a members three came from cities where terior that Bulgaria is disbanding the years.

Rainey Reads to the House Expert Considers Process

Great Forward Stride.

ous Than Coal Product.

Says Panama's President Made the Does Not Regard It as More Danger-

Letter Read From Cromwell Denying More Light and Heat-Takes Issue With Wiley Regarding Use of Incandescent Mantles. on the Isthmus.

As soon as he could get the floor today | T. E. Barker, chairman of the board Representative Rainey (III.) read to the of gas and electric light commissioners of House the cablegram which he received Massachusetts, and Edward G. Love, a from Charles P. Taft yesterday, in which gas expert of the city of New York, were the brother of the next President denied the principal witnesses before the House that he has ever had any business asso- L. strict committee today at its third ciation with William Nelson Cromwell, or hearing on the District Commissioners' any interest at any time in the Isthmus of | bill to limit to 10 per cent the amount of Panama. In his message he asked Mr. carbon monoxide in the illuminating sup-

Mr. ove was called by the Washington Gas Light Company. Mr. Baker appeared Following is the text of Mr. Taft's upon request of Chairman Smith of the committee.

years he had been gas examiner of New York city. The first water-gas plant in "I assume you have been mislead into this country had been established in uttering the sheer and absolute false- 1874 at Phoenixville, Pa., he said, and the hoods concerning me you are reported to manufacture of water gas was then an have spoken yesterday. I have never entirely new departure in municical illu-

Two years later the Municipal Gas Comprocess. The success with which this company met was pronounced from the start. In a couple of years the concern product.

Great Forward Stride.

"The introduction of this process," said Mr. Love, "can be said to be the greatest forward stride in the manufacture of lluminating gas in the last century." Mr. Love explained the difference between water gas and coal gas, going into

many advantages over coal gas. It burned, he said, with a bright, white clean flame, giving as high as twenty-five pudiation of William Nelson Cromwell to thirty candlepower. Before that, with and his methods. It, however, does not exclusively coal gas, sixteen-candlepower The explosive qualities of coal and water gas were about the same, he said, so there was nothing to choose between the two in this regard. But the heating power of coal and water differed consid-

A coal gas of sixteen-candlepower would give about 650 heat units per cubic foot. Carbureted water gas would give about 700 to 750 heat units. When, however, the proposition was determined by weight the reverse was the case. As gas was sold by the cubic foot, he considered that the standard in the determination of heat

units. Dr. Love quoted from authorities on gas to show that water gas was not considered more dangerous to life than coal gas when the same precautions were taken with both. He remarked, in this connection, that water gas, uncarbureted, was odorless, and therefore dangerous but that carbureted water gas smelled bly of Panama denying his connection just as unpleasantly as coal gas, and therefore gave just as much warning of leakage or incomplete combustion. He considered the use of coal and water

about the same amount of danger. Opinions of Ira Remsen.

probably the fatal effects of water gas ould be noted in a shorter period than The trouble with all these gentlemen those of coal gas. He did not, however, is that they take particular pains to deny consider the use of water gas as dangerous under proper conditions. Dr. Love quoted other authorities whose

before the manufactures committee of oxide in gas used in the state to 10 per cent was up for repeal.

"sensational facts with which from Prof. Frankland, professor of chemistry at the Royal College of Chemistry the straight coal gas product which was

Takes Issue With Opposition.

Opposing the proposition advanced by experts of the bureau of chemistry that consideration by the American Congress, the use of water-gas was limited or forbidden in France, Dr. Love quoted Prof. not now any interest of any kind, direct Adolph Wertz of Paris as saying the reaconcession, contract, proposition or other | nating product on the continent was that economic and other conditions were not favorable

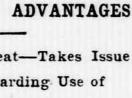
argument that the candlepower of a gas did not matter these days, in view of the general use of incandescent mantles. He insisted that in the city of New York not stated by me before the so-called Morgan 20 per cent of gas consumers used inandescent mantles.

> flat-flame burner and we must lay our plans accordingly.

Sims of Tennessee, Dr. Love admitted Northland and Mrs. Stirling after the that straight coal gas could be enriched by the use of oils and naphtha to twenty Thereupon Mr. Rainey obtained two or twenty-five or almost any other candlecarbon monoxide limit at 10 per cent it to accompany her to Amberly, but would be impossible for the Washington Gas Light Company to use any water gas

He called the attention at this point to

Committee Is Drawn In. Dr. Love ocasioned considerable amusement by announcing that he had pre-



Mr. Love testified that for over thirty

In 1883, Dr. Love said, Prof. Ira Remsen, now president of Johns Hopkins University, had been retained by the board of well of responsibility for the attempt to health of Brooklyn in an investigation of obtain the much-criticised railroad fran- the relative dangers in the use of coal chise from Panama. Mr. Rainey said: "I and water gas. Prof. Remsen had reported the seventh vessel of the Dreadnought do not have the pleasure of Mr. Ward's that no conclusions could be drawn along class, is to be launched at Barrow on slowly into her berth at the foot of Hamacquaintance, but his letter indicates he the line, as statistics were not sufficiently

> The danger was with respect to the to be broken. escape of either gas. As both had an equally bad odor he could not see that the use of water gas should be frowned

f Prof. Remsen. opy of testimony taken at the hearings

opinions were along the same line as those

the Massachusetts legislature when the law limiting the amount of carbon mon-The committee had, received a letter

Dr. Love took issue with Dr. Wiley's "I have only one in my house, I am

"This," he said, "is still the age of the

In reply to questions by Representative stand her attempts to separate Lord

Mr. Lovering just previously had called pared a list of the various cities and Bulgaria Disbanding Border Guards. tire structure, were a total loss. resolution favorably considered by the a straight water gas was used, nine from reservists recently concentrated on the House.



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THE NEW GASTRONOMY.

water gas was used, two from straight coal gas communities, one from a natural gas district and four from towns that had no gas companies at all.

"I think that is interesting," remark d Representative J. Hampton Moore of Pennsylvania. "Can't you give u the names of those benighted members?" Dr. Love said he could. The first name he called off his list was that of Representative Sims of Tennessee. Members and spectators both laughed at this, for Mr. Sims has the reputation of havng asked ten times as many questions during the gas inquiry as all the rest of the committee members put together. He admitted, offhand, that Linder Tenn., his home city, had no gas plant, but said he was just as happy over it and just as much interested in the gas Pier Draped in Black and the Na-

question in Washington. This afternoon the committee sumed its session, Dr. Love continuing his testimony. Alfred Fonshall of New York and John McIlheny of Philadelphia, consulting engineer of the Wash- SOME HITCH IN ARRANGEMENT ington Gas Light Company, will follow

Representative Taylor of Ohio. Repesentative Sims of Tennessee and Representative Murphy were the only three out of the nineteen members of the District committee to be present for most of the time today. Representative Hampton Moore dropped in late and remained until the committee adjourned at noon. The others did not show up at all.

BRITAIN'S BIGGEST FIGHTER. Battleship Vanguard to Be Launched on February 22.

LONDON, January 29 .- The Vanguard, February 22. In connection with her filten avenue, South Brooklyn, where a construction several records are expected

The keel of the Vanguard was laid down on April 1 of last year, and the contract calls for her completion two years from that date. If this is accomplished it will be the first time that a private firm has built a battleship in that time, for besides building the hull the contractors are supplying the guns, armor and machinery for the ship. The Vanguard will besides be the heaviest and most modernly equipped of ships of her class. Her lauching weight will be about 16,000 tons; length between perpendiculars, 500 feet length over all, 543 feet; beam, 84 feet; displacement, over 19,300 tons; horsepower, 25,000; excess in weight over first Dreadnought, 650 tons; excess in weight over the latter vessels of that class, 650 tons, and her cost will be upward of

TRIAL OF WILLIAM GOW.

Borough Bank of Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, January 29. - Arthur Campbell, former cashier of the Borough Bank of Brooklyn, continued his testi- official life. mony today in the trial of William Gow. Campbell was indicted jointly with Gow, fin of Mrs. Cheney to a bier beside that but turned state's evidence. Campbell cent of the deposits required by the law.

STIRLING DIVORCE CASE. Mrs. Atherton Tells Her Story to

the Court. EDINBURGH, January 29.-At the hearing of Capt. Stirling's petition for divorce station. There they were placed on board Mrs. Atherton described on the witness a train bound for New Haven. latter's return from America. On one occasion she found Mrs. Stirling sitting on Northland followed her that night and spent a long time with Mrs. Stirling against witness' protests.

Suicide of American at London. LONDON, January 29.-An American named George Scott, who was formerly connected with Barnum & Bailey's circus, committed suicide this morning in a while in bed.

CONSTANTINOPLE, January 29 .- The

Arrival of the Venezia With Persian rebels victorious. Consul Cheney's Remains.

THRONG WAITING

tional Colors.

No Representative of the Government or Relatives of the Deceased on Hand to Meet the Vessel.

Special Dispatch to The Star. -

NEW YORK, January 29.-The steamer Venezia of the Fabre line arrived in port this morning with all her flags flying at bodies of Dr. Aurthr S. Cheney, late American consul at Messina, and of Dr. Cheney's wife. The steamship swung street at the gates of the inclosed pier, which bore the somber symbols of death

was relieved by bosses of Old Glory. The liner arrived at 9:30 o'clock. There was silence on the pier as ropes were made ready and the two rough and unorsoften their severe outlines, were lowered from the deck of the ship to the floor

rangements, it was said, and no repre- Giesey suffered intense agony last night sentatives of the United States govern ment were present on the pier when the Venezia put in. A detachment of marines from the navy yard, told of as a guard of honor, had not yet arrived, nor were the relatives of the Cheneys there. Dr. B. H. Cheney of New Haven, Dr Cheney's father, and Austin P. Cheney of Chicago, the brother of the late consul, arrived later, and with them was Harold G. Cheney, a cousin of the man neck and soon her face turned black. who was killed. Col. Lovell Jerome, representing the customs department, was the only person on hand representing

Eight. French sailors lifted the coffin of Dr. Cheney to their shoulders and formarly a director of that bank, who is walked slowly with it to a temporary charged with grand larceny in the con- bier erected at the end of the pier. The duct of the affairs of the institution, same sailors then transferred the cof-

When the relatives of the Cheneys ardirectors to the fact, the bank was \$179 .- visited h m and his wife in Messina last 000 short of the reserve fund of 15 per summer. Prominent Italians, among them the Italian consul of the port and Presi- the report. It is learned that the comdent Solari of the Italian chamber of mittee will explain that there is property commerce, went to the pier soon after the of an assessed valuation of about \$850,news went forth that the Venezia was in 000 in the proposed community to be in- Sheriff's Posse Rescues Negro When The coffins were conveyed over the river

INCENDIARY FIRE AT BOYDS. Livery Stable and Barn Destroyed. Town Seeking Culprits.

Special Dispatch to The Star stroyed a livery stable and barn used street lamps be maintained; that all funds by B. F. Hicks, a merchant, and ownedmated at about \$2,000. Hicks had two horses, several vehicles and

a quantity of corn and hay stored on the Covent Garden hotel by shooting himself ground floor of the building. A carriage belonging to D. F. Davis of Frederick was on the second floor. These, with the en-Evidence that the fire was probably the

expected that it will go hard with them eaught. But for the absence of wind ast night the entire town might have the one destroyed.

and Route Their Troops. ST. PETERSBURG, January 29 .- A dis- arson or kidnaping. Prisoners convicted patch from Teheran to the Russ says of penitentiary offenses and not placed upon probation would be sent to a federal that risings recently took place in the penitentiary, presumably at Atlanta. province of Osalem and Karganerud and

that the inhabitants expelled the gov- not placed upon probation, would be sent turbed districts in command of three tract of not less than a thousand acres. the news that the expedition has been ompletely routed and that the three

FEW SAW EXECUTION.

Dave Edwards Hanged in Chattanooga for Murder of J. W. Davis. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., January 29 .half-mast, for in her hold she held the Edwards was hanged in the county jail object, said the Commissioner, is to reneck was broken by the fall. A large jail, and to improve the condition of the crowd surged about the prison, but few i were permitted to witness the execution. On the scaffold Edwards spoke of the great throng of people were waiting in the man he had murdered, saying: "If Davis Commissioners have held up the bids ful go, I have no doubt but that I will be with him in a few minutes. Davis lines of black drapery, hiding post and went out of this life much as I am going. bare woodwork. At intervals the black He had little time to prepare for the future world.'

DISLOCATED NECK LAUGHING.

but Surgeon Relieved Woman. PITTSBURG. January 29 .- Dislocating

guests. One of them told a joke at which hysterical and was unable to stop, when its criminals. suddenly she felt a sharp pain in her A surgeon hastily summoned soon pull-

ed the neck back into place. MT. RAINIER TO INCORPORATE.

Maryland. MOUNT RAINIER, Md., January 29.— institutions of the District of Columbia. souri river failed to report. Scattered rehe committee of six, appointed by Chairman Nalley at a public meeting early this meeting will be held next week to receive remedied. cluded in the municipality and that the to South Ferry, where they were met by average residential assessment is about members of twenty-two Italian societies, \$1,200.

who escorted them to the Grand Central It is said the committee will recommend securing a charter restricting a municipal attempted in the way of sewage or water systems, but that in lieu thereof a free creation of a municipal health officer, ed the crowd. whose duty it shall be to enforce strict BOYDS, Md., January 29.-Fire, believed observance of said laws; that out of the received from the county in the way of rebate on the road tax be applied to the regulations.

Big Land Sale in Texas. BIG SPRINGS, Tex., January 29 .-Probably the biggest land sale ever re-

town. This is the eighth or ninth fire C. C. Slaughter, land owner and cattle manager, charged with calling an unlawattributed to such origin in the past two man, whose home is in Dallas, sold the ful meeting, was held yesterday. The cars were entirely tied up during the Efforts are to be made today to get bloodhounds to trace the fire fiends. It sideration was approximately \$3,000,000. | court.

One to Be Reformatory and One Gale Blows Seventy-Four Miles an Hour in Kansas City. Workhouse.

WIDELY SEPARATE TELEGRAPH WIRES ARE DOWN

Maryland in 1,000-Acre Tracts Is Recommended. Practical measures for carrying out at once the recommendations of the jail sleet and a high wind, which reached a

to Congress

V. LaDow, made in its recent report to Congress, were recommended to Congress today by the Commissioners. The legislation recommended follows in general wires were prostrated in every direction, lines that suggested by the penal com- particularly west of St. Louis and north In general the recommendations are as follows:

That to the \$85,000 recently appropriated for the construction of an additional corded here. building at the workhouse \$15,000 be added and the entire sum of \$100,000 be used. as suggested by the jail commission, for the purchase of two tracts of 1,000 acres each and the erection thereon of temporary structures for the accommodation zard, no such disaster was reported or of prisoners while engaged in building the predicted in the present instance. permanent structures.

That these two tracts of land be purchased in either Maryland or Virginia. and not in the District of Columbia, as where the roof of the opera house was no such amount of land is available in That \$10,000 be appropriated for the block away, injuring two persons preparation of plans for the reformatory

and the workhouse to be built on the two

tracts of land. That an adult probation system be established in the District, in accordance with the recommendations of the jail com-

Early Action Urged. Commissioner Macfarland said today later in the day and where the barometer that the Commissioners hoped with the stood at 29, and extending as far west as penal commission that the legislation Omaha, where the barometer reading was been burned, as there was a quantity of would be enacted at this session of Congasoline and oil in the building adjoining gress, in view of the pressing need for it set forth in the President's message and the report of the penal commission. Under that report the courts would have power to place upon probation, under the supervision of probation officers. Chase Three Generals From the Field salaried and volunteer, any convict, ex- vada, New Mexico and Arizona to get in cept in cases of treason, murder, rape,

Prisoners of the workhouse type and ernors. The shah ordered Gen. Liakhoff, offenders believed to be capable of reforhe Russian commander of the Persian mation would be sent to the reformatory troops in Teheran, to send a repressive Each of the latter institutions would be expedition, and one started for the dis- placed, the Commissioner said, upon a the two tracts to be widely separated generals and well provided with artillery. from each other, and be selected either messenger, the Russ' correspondent in Maryland or Virginia, since tracts of says, has just arrived at Teheran with that size could not be had at a reasonable price in the District of Columbia. It is believed by the Commissioners that suitgenerals abandoned their men and took able tracts can be had at a very low price within easy access of Washington. The penal commission recommended

that temporary structures be erected upon The general offices of the Chicago, Rock these tracts and that the offenders be Island and Pacific railroad for many hours put to work improving them. The penal commission estimated that \$100,000 would provide the tracts of land required and the temporary structures, and expressed the hope that they might be ready for oc-At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon Dave cupancy before the first of July. The here for the murder of J. W. Davis. His move the disgraceful conditions at the

Present Bids Held Up. Commissioner Macfarland said that the

is in that part of eternity where the sin- which they received last summer for the expenditure of the \$85,000 appropriation for an administration wing in the present workhouse, with the consent of Congress, until Congress shall act upon the new proposition, and that the Commissioners had recommended that that appropriation be made available by Congress for the new proposition, so that only the namented coffins, with not even a flag to Serious Sequel to Joke at Pittsburg, remainder of the \$100,000 estimated by the penal commission would have to be newly appropriated. Besides this, the penal commission recommended and the her neck because of immoderate laughter Commissioners indorsed the proposition at a joke told by a guest. Mrs. William that \$10,000 be appropriated for the preparation of plans and the preliminary work for a permanent reformatory and for a till the arrival of a surgeon, who repermanent workhouse. The reformatory lieved her sufferings and replaced the and the workhouse are to be under the direction of the Commissioners of the Mr. and Mrs. Glesey were entertaining District of Columbia. Commissioner Macfarland said that he believed that early fire alarm and telephone systems are deenactment of this legislation would mean Mrs. Glesey began to laugh. She became a great step forward in the treatment of

Copies Ordered Printed.

At the request of Senator Gallinger chairman of the District of Columbia committee, the Senate today ordered printed 1,000 additional copies of the report of the Commissioners appointed by Plans of the New Municipality in the President to investigate the condition of the local workhouse and other penal

said that in September, 1907, before the rived they were accompanied by C. Davis, month to incorporate Mount Rainier and report are adopted by Congress condifinancial panic called the attention of the an intimate friend of the consul, who Brentwood, is ready to report. Aspublic tions existing in the District of Columbia that are a repreach to civilization will be

STRUNG UP TO A TREE. the Wire Broke.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., January 29 .- A negro answering the description of one partially. Repairers and other emwho brutally attempted to criminally ployes of the telegraph companies tax in excess of 30 cents on each \$100 of assault Mrs. Jessie Holland near here the assessed valuation; that nothing be was captured by angry neighbors last night and strung up to a tree with a greater part to western and northern municipal scavenger service be main- telephone wire. The wire broke, and a sections. Communication to southern municipal scavenger service be main-tained; that the charter contain ample second attempt was being made to hang turbed sanitary regulations and provide for the the negro when a sheriff's posse scatter-

to have been of incendiary origin, de- municipal tax an adequate system of German Warship Departs for Home, were having no serious difficulties with PENSACOLA, Fla., January 29.-After a stay of three weeks in this port the in Iowa were reported lost and the by James E. Williams. The loss, only repair of the present highways, and that German warship Freya weighed anchor whereabouts of several trains unknown partially covered by insurance, is esti- the mayor or some other municipal officer and started on her return voyage. The be given magisterial powers and authority first stop will be at Bermuda, where she to punish for all infractions of municipal will coal. The customary salutes between the warship and the forts were exchanged as she passed out the harbor entrance.

Emma Goldman Acquitted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., January 29 .cored in this section of the state was con- The trial of Emma Goldman, the anarcluded when R. L. Slaughter, representing chist lecturer, and Dr. Ben Beitman, her roads have suffered little delay. Long S" ranch, comprising 200,000 acres, defendants were acquitted by the jury morning by the snow, eighteen inches to lowa capitalists. It is said the con- upon peremptory instructions by the having fallen. In other cities of the

JAIL REFORM REPORT STORM GRIPS

Commissioners Submit Plans High Winds and Heavy Snow in Mississippi Valley.

FOR TWO NEW BUILDINGS BIG BLIZZARD IN IOWA

Purchase of Lands in Virginia or Trains Stalled and Whereabouts Un-

known-Many Points Cut Off From Communication.

CHICAGO, January 29 .- Rain, snow, commission, composed of Justice W. P. maximum of seventy-four miles at Kan-Stafford, John Joy Edson and Robert sas City, created climatic chaos in the middle west today.

> Trains were delayed and telegraph of Chicago. The barometer in the office of the local weather bureau stood at 29, only .25 higher than the lowest ever re-

Although the middle west was in the clutches of a gale which wrought some property damage in various sections, and, as in Iowa, took on the guise of a bliz-

The most serious damage reported in early dispatches was at Lamonte, Mo., blown against a freight train standing

Curious Look of Weather Map. The weather map issued today was in appearance almost without precedent. The isobars, indicating points of equal air pressure, wound like a lorsided spiral over the middle west, centering at Chicago. where the gale was expected to break

West, south and north of Omaha the map was a blank. Wires were down in every direction and reports were missing. West of Chicago it was possible for only four states and territories-California, Netheir reports, which was accomplished by

Mexican berder. The wind blew seventy miles an hour at Springfield, Mo.; forty-six at St. Louis, fifty-eight at Omaha, thirty-six miles at Des Moines and Detroit and forty-eight at Galveston. At the time these reports were received the velocity in Chicago was only eight miles.

using unaffected wires south along the

The route of the storm traveling from Kansas, where it started yesterday, and moving toward Lake Michigan, apparently justified the prediction of a gale before sundown, accompanied by snow and a sharp fall in temperature. The demoralized condition of telegraph wires was attributed generally to sleet.

were unable to learn the whereabouts of trains stalled or delayed in a blizzard in

High Winds and Heavy Snow. Communication with the most important points in the northwest was impossible for many hours. Scores of telegraph poles and miles of wire in many sections were borne down and rendered useless. High winds and a heavy snowfall put the wires almost out of business where they were not broken down. Between Chicago and St. Paul direct communication ceased for hours. Between Chicago and Milwaukee poles by the dozen were reported down. The telegraph service of railroads, in-

It was reported that many trains had been abandoned in northern Iowa. Washouts were reported numerous in that sec-Marshalltown, Ia., reports that central Iowa is in the grasp of one of the worst blizzards in recent years. At Marshalltown there is no electric light service, and all street cars have been abandoned. The

cluding the Chicago and Northwestern,

Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific, Chi-

cago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and the

Burlington lines west of the Mississippi

river, was almost hopelessly crippled.

moralized. Des Moines reported a blizzard west of there. Six inches of snow fell during the night and drifted many feet deep into the

cuts, delaying or stalling trains. Weather Reports Meager. The usual telegrams to the weather bureau here were incomplete, owing to the curtailment of telegraphic facilities. The Canadian and American northwest and most of the country west of the Mis-

souri river failed to report. Scattered re-

City, Springfield, III., and Peoria showed rain or snow. In Chicago street cars and clevated railroad trains moved with caution because of the dense fog and misty rain. West of Kansas City all wire service had practically ceased in the early hours of the day. Between Kansas City and Omaha no communication existed. Mes-

sages between Chicago and Omaha were subject to long delays, made necessary by numerous relays. The storm had affected all wires imworked vigorously, but ineffectually,

during the morning. The storm had been confined for the and eastern points was much less dis-The Northwestern and the Burlington roads, while admitting some trouble

due to the weather stated that they

their trains. At the Rock Island gen-

eral offices, however, the railroad wires

because of the loss of telegraphic communication. Snowstorm in Michigan.

over lower Michigan, today, is causing much trouble to telephone and telegraph wires. The snow is heavy, however, and not drifting, so that rail-In Grand Rapids all of the street

DETROIT, Mich., January 29 .- A se-

vere snowstorm, which is general all

state also, including Detroit, there was